

The molasses is mainly utilised for the manufacture of Alcohol. Some quantity is also used for manufacture of cattle feed, binding material in foundaries, etc. Further, the control on prices and distribution of molasses has been withdrawn in June, 1993.

[Translation]

#### Assistance for Combating Terrorism

1685. SHRI HARIN PATHAK : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the Central assistance sought for combating terrorism by each State during the current year; and

(b) the assistance provided by the Union Government so far, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b). No such proposal seeking financial assistance specifically to combat terrorism has been received during the current financial year. However, a sum of Rs. 38.23 crores has been released so far during the current financial year to various States under the Scheme for Modernisation of State Police Forces.

#### Area Under Oilseeds Cultivation

1686. SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the area of land under the oilseeds cultivation in the State of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard; and

(c) the details of the targets fixed/achieved for the oilseeds cultivation during the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The area increase strategy adopted for Gujarat State is to increase area under cultivation of various oilseeds crops through sequential cropping, inter-cropping, replacement of low economy crops in problematic situations and through multiple cropping in irrigation conditions.

(c) The area target are not fixed. However, area coverage in Gujarat during Eighth Five Year Plan is as under :

| (Lakh ha.) |         |         |         |
|------------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1992-93    | 1993-94 | 1994-95 | 1995-96 |
| 29.21      | 30.16   | 30.42   | 29.10   |

#### Theft of Milk Products

1687. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN : Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state :

(a) whether a large number cases of theft of milk products from the Delhi Milk Scheme plants have been reported during the last three years;

(b) whether complaints from some M.Ps. were also received in this regard during the said period;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the number of persons/employees apprehended so far in this connection and the action taken against them; and

(e) the measures taken or proposed to be taken to avoid recurrence of theft cases in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH) : (a) and (d). Disciplinary action has been initiated against employees for theft of milk and milk products from the Delhi Milk Scheme. The details are as follows :

| Year | No. of employees against whom disciplinary action was initiated |
|------|---|
| 1994 | 186   |
| 1995 | 143   |
| 1996 | 137   |

(b) and (c). A letter was received from a Member of Parliament regarding decline in milk supplies of DMS and cases of theft of milk.

(e) Various measures like deployment of additional security personnel, more surprise checks by senior officers and supervision of loading of milk and milk products by senior officers have been introduced.

[Translation]

#### Foodgrains Production

1688. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA :  
SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the advance estimates for the current Kharif season place the expected production at around 58 lakh tonnes for the five principal crops namely, paddy, ragi, jowar, maize and bajra in Karnataka State; and

(b) if so, the total estimated foodgrains production during the current year in the country, foodgrain-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) As per the information available, the production of the five principal crops namely, rice, ragi, jowar, maize, and

bajra in Karnataka State during Kharif 1996-97 is expected to be around 59 lakh tonnes.

(b) A statement giving advance estimates of production of foodgrains State-wise/Crop-wise for Kharif 1996-97 is enclosed.

### STATEMENT

#### Statewise Advance Estimates of Production of Foodgrains of Kharif 1996-97

('000 tonnes)

| State            | Kharif Rice | Kharif Jowar | Bajra | Maize | Ragi | Small Mill-ets | Total Kharif Coarse Cereals | Total Kharif Cereals | Tur  | Other Kharif Pulses | Total Kharif Pulses | Total Kharif Food-grains |
|------------------|-------------|--------------|-------|-------|------|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Andhra Pradesh   | 6476        | 360          | 98    | 544   | 95   | 62             | 1159                        | 7635                 | 163  | 201                 | 364                 | 7999                     |
| Assam            | 3110        |              |       | 14    |      |                | 14                          | 3124                 | 6    | 10                  | 16                  | 3140                     |
| Bihar            | 6800        | 10           | 6     | 700   | 80   | 44             | 840                         | 7640                 | 75   | 110                 | 185                 | 7825                     |
| Gujarat          | 1000        | 222          | 1346  | 391   | 14   | 7              | 1980                        | 2980                 | 339  | 264                 | 603                 | 3583                     |
| Haryana          | 2350        | 30           | 750   | 50    |      |                | 830                         | 3180                 | 62   | 8                   | 70                  | 3250                     |
| Himachal Pradesh | 140         |              |       | 730   | 5    | 11             | 746                         | 886                  |      | 20                  | 20                  | 906                      |
| Jammu & Kashmir  | 620         |              | 6     | 570   |      | 8              | 584                         | 1204                 |      | 18                  | 18                  | 1222                     |
| Karnataka        | 2382        | 563          | 232   | 1118  | 1604 | 40             | 3557                        | 5939                 | 215  | 287                 | 502                 | 6441                     |
| Kerala           | 855         | 3            |       |       | 1    | 2              | 6                           | 861                  |      | 14                  | 14                  | 875                      |
| Madhya Pradesh   | 6061        | 934          | 136   | 1072  | 5    | 251            | 2398                        | 8459                 | 409  | 262                 | 671                 | 9130                     |
| Maharashtra      | 2489        | 3548         | 1566  | 356   | 187  | 28             | 5685                        | 8174                 | 686  | 634                 | 1320                | 9494                     |
| Orissa           | 4900        | 10           | 3     | 47    | 42   | 28             | 130                         | 5030                 | 112  | 268                 | 380                 | 5410                     |
| Punjab           | 7160        |              | 14    | 324   |      |                | 338                         | 7498                 | 10   | 55                  | 65                  | 7563                     |
| Rajasthan        | 164         | 303          | 1900  | 916   |      | 10             | 3129                        | 3293                 | 23   | 574                 | 597                 | 3890                     |
| Tamil Nadu       | 6273        | 339          | 482   | 46    | 328  | 47             | 1242                        | 7515                 | 82   | 107                 | 189                 | 7704                     |
| Uttar Pradesh    | 10400       | 400          | 1050  | 1510  | 200  | 150            | 3310                        | 13710                | 600  | 190                 | 790                 | 14500                    |
| West Bengal      | 8595        |              |       | 107   | 14   | 14             | 135                         | 8730                 | 12   | 37                  | 49                  | 8779                     |
| Others           | 1500        | 5            | 5     | 167   | 12   | 39             | 228                         | 1728                 | 5    | 19                  | 24                  | 1752                     |
| All India        | 71275       | 6727         | 7594  | 8662  | 2587 | 741            | 26311                       | 97586                | 2799 | 3078                | 5877                | 103463                   |

### Kaziranga National Park

1689. SHRI PINAKI MISHRA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the report captioned "Kaziranga, short of infrastructure, waits floods", appearing in the *Pioneer* dated, June 19, 1996;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the financial assistance given by the Central Government for the development of the said National Park during each of the last three years; and

(c) the estimated population of Rhinos at present and the manner in which it compares with that of the 1991?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN

PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The State Government of Assam have reported that they are facing a serious financial problem in maintaining the Kaziranga National Park, after the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on "Conservation of rhinos in Assam" was transferred to the State alongwith its resources in 1992-93. They have, therefore, requested for revival of the scheme in the Central sector which the Planning Commission has agreed to consider in the IX Plan. In the meantime, assistance has been provided to the State under another Centrally sponsored scheme for development of Kaziranga National Park, but out of Rs. 88.58 lakhs released to them in 1993-94, an amount of Rs. 47.80 lakhs is yet to be spent which has been revalidated for utilization during 1996-97. In addition an amount of Rs. 3.85 lakhs was provided during 1993-94 to the State Government for ecodevelopment around Kaziranga National Park. Due to inadequate utilisation of fund released from Government of India in 1993-94, no fresh release could be made in 1994-95 and 1995-96.